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SUBJ: AZOREAN POLITICAL PARTY COMMUNIQUE ON LAJES BASE

RENEWAL

1. NEWSPAPER ACORES OF AUGUST 14 CARRIES COMMUNIQUE FROM ORGANIZING COMMITTEE OF PARTIDO POPULAR DEMOCRATICO ACORIANO (PPDA), SIGNED BY OCTAVIANO MOTA, REGARDING LAJES BASE RENEWAL, EXCERPTS FOLLOW.

2. DOCUMENT BEGINS BY NOTING "INHERENT RISKS AND COMPROMISES" BASE REPRESENTS TO PORTUGUESE IN GENERAL AND AZOREANS IN PARTICULAR. STATEMENT MADE THAT LAJES COVETED BY BEILLIGERENTS IN WWII AND HAS BEEN UTILIZED SINCE IN SUPER-POWER CONFRONTATIONS SUCH AS BERLIN CRISIS AND ARAB-ISRAELI DISPUTE.

3. PEOPLE OF AZORES HAVE SUPPORTED "INCONVENIENCES" OF PRESENCE OF FOREIGN FORCES IN ISLANDS, AND IN RETURN ONLY "THEORETICALLY" HAVE BENEFITTED IN ECONOMIC SENSE. PORTUGAL MUST TAKE ADVANTAGE OF "NEW CIRCUMSTANCES" (I.E., CHANGE IN REGIME) TO NEGOTIATE BALANCED AND JUST BASE RENEWAL AGREEMENT WITH US. FACT THAT GOP WILL MAINTAIN TRADITIONAL FRIENDSHIP WITH USG "SHOULD NOT PREVENT NEGOTIATIONS FROM

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BEING CARRIED OUT FIRMLY AND WITHIN STRICTEST RESPECT FOR

NATIONAL INTERESTS".

4. IN ORDER TO SAFEGUARD AZOREAN INTERESTS, "WHICH ALWAYS IGNORED HERETOFORE", PORTUGUESE NEGOTIATING TEAM MUST INCLUDE PERSONS WHO AWARE IN DETAIL OF AZOREAN INTERESTS AND WHO EMPOWERED TO DEFEND THEM.

5. FURTHERMORE, PPDA ORGANIZING COMMITTEE BELIEVES AGREEMENT SHOULD: A) ESTABLISH SHORT LIMIT FOR AGREEMENT (MAXIMUM 3 YEARS), ALLOWING FOR SUBSEQUENT RENEWALS; B) CLARIFY OPERATIONS WHICH US FORCES MAY FREELY CARRY OUT WITHOUT GOP CONCURRENCE, AND EXTRAORDINARY ONES REQUIRING PRIOR PORTUGUESE AGREEMENT; C) PROVIDE FOR CONCRETE ECONOMIC, FINANCIAL, CULTURAL, TECHNOLOGICAL AND OTHER AID AND COOPERATION FROM USG; D) GIVE SPECIAL ATTENTION TO AZOREAN INTERESTS, ESPECIALLY TO PROVIDING SOCIO-ECONOMIC BENEFITS TO ISLANDERS (GEOTHERMAL ENERGY RESEARCH, ETC) AND TO ELIMINATING DISCRIMINATION BETWEEN PORTUGUESE AND US PERSONNEL IN LABOR AND JURIDICAL (PENAL) FIELDS.  
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